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Kenneth and Grace Hendricks in Tokyo

By Muriel Jordan

Kenneth and Grace Hendricks arrived in Tokyo on January 7, after a rough crossing from Seattle, leaving Seattle December 22, and are now actively at work in the mission stations in and near the capitol city. They told of the warm welcome extended to them by the Japanese Christians and how the church services had been carried on by the native Pastor Chiba each Sunday during the entire war even though the church building was destroyed by the incendiary bombing and it was necessary to meet in the Kindergarten building. They reported more than 70 persons in attendance at the morning worship hour on January 12 (the day the letter was written). The letter continued: "Our temporary home is in the midst of a badly devastated area. From the window I look out over a vista of rubble and ruins. Many former genteel people are living in makeshift shelters covered with old tin scraps like so many rabbits in their hutches. . . . And over there, in bare space, two boys are playing catch with a ball, as irrepressible in their activity as the brave little green shoots in the garden spots around them. It is the new crops that count for the future — regardless of the nature of the harvest that is past. These children typify the new Japan, still buoyant and hopeful, undaunted by the ghastly ruins around them.

"Friday we looked from the platform of the chapel of our Magaret K. Long Girls' School into the sweet friendly faces of 725 teen-age girls—heard them sing and pray to their Father and ours, and were thrilled by the speech of welcome by one of their number. We assured them that the hearts of the American Christians were with them as they enter the challenging responsibilities of Japan's new day. A similar thrill awaited us when we visited the Sei-Gakuin Boys' School with its 850 students. These schools are on adjacent campuses. All of the buildings are still intact and practically the entire teaching forces in both schools escaped injury or death and their consecration to the work is beautiful to behold. Also, our staff of pastors is practically undiminished and only four of our church buildings were lost, so we are in a position to go forward to greater things with little loss of time for reconstruction. It is God's challenge, surely!

"This morning Chaplain John Dalton and wife, formerly of Iowa City, were in our congregation and they have greatly encouraged our Japanese brethren by their attendance and interest. At present he is teaching in our army school in Tokyo, but it is possible that both of them will assist in our mission work by teaching English Bible classes. A Miss Sylvia Bankey, of our San Fancisco First Church and an Army headquarters stenographer, has been doing that very thing for our Girls' School. . . . Among other army chaplains in this vicinity are Harlan Woodruff, Myron Wiilard, and Paul Cook. Also a Judge Sutton serving on the war crimes trials, who was an elder in a Christian Church in Virginia. I should add that Chaplain Frank Gosser, now stationed in Sapporo, proved himself a great friend to our pastor at Sendai where one of our destroyed churches was located, and raised considerable money toward the rebuilding fund.

"To those churches and individuals who helped us gather our large supply of used clothing, vitamins, etc., for the relief of our needy pastors, teachers and their families here, may we say that you have no idea how very, very much these things are meaning to the recipients. Tears of gratitude are being shed and good feeling betwen Japan and America is being aided by this practical demonstration of Christian love and forgiveness. All over Japan there is a great increase in decisions for Christ. We rejoice to be here at such a momentous time. Pray for us and our fellow workers, and may God bless each one of you in witnessing for Him there.

"The quick way to reach us is Air

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Another Church Fire

It was a shock to hear that the Forest Grove Church building burned on February 27. It was almost a total loss. The pastor's library and the Hammond organ were saved. The pastor, J D. Harden, just arrived from Oklahoma in January. Again we sound the warning to all churches to have their buildings inspected for possible fire hazards. That is the cheapest insurance you can buy.

Sunday School Convention

The 21st quadrennial International Sunday School Convention will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 23-27, 1947. Ten thousand teachers, superintendents and other leaders are expected to attend. This is a tremendous army of teachers, and they are a bright light of hope when we are inclined to be pessimistic concerning the future of civilization. Will any of our people in Oregon go? If so let us hear from you.

Resurrection Sunday

April 6 is Easter Sunday. That is the annual anniversary of the resurrection of our Lord. Every Sunday is a resurrection day, but this annual event demands the unusual in our celebration. Most of our churches will engage in evangelistic meetings. Would that every one should do so. The College at Eugene very graciously releases its students for a week to engage in soul-winning enterprises. This honors our Lord not only in the winning of souls at the time, but in preparing them for still larger soul-winning enterprises later on. Let every disciple in the state be in a worshipful spirit from now until the close of Easter Sunday.

Crusade Goals

The Crusade for a Christian World has set goals for this great three year program: Baptisms, 450,000; added by transfer, 450,000; Leaders in training, 100,000; Homes reached for Christ, 500,000; Tithers, 250,000; Proprotionate givers, 250,000; Sunday School Enrollment, 300,000.

The Executive Committee of the State Crusade Committee, under the leadship of C. H. Addleman, has broken these goals down into state goals, and those again into local church goals. The committee recognized that setting goals on a purely ratio basis would not be exactly just. Yet it was the best they could do. These goals have ben sent to the churches with the request that each church make the adjustments necessary and make an acceptance of goals they are willing to try for. This is a stupendous effort and will not be easy; but a strong goal will create a strong effort, and a strong effort will yield more results than a weak one. The committee desires the goal cards returned before Pentecost Sunday, May 25.

New Lodge Rates

New rental rates for the lodges on the Turner grounds will be in effect this summer, as follows:

Swander Lodge: Rooms with one double bed, $3.50; rooms with two double beds, $6.00.

Centennial Lodge: Each room has two single steel cots, $4.25.

Tabernacle: The large room on the corner has four double beds, $3.00 each; other rooms in the tabernacle will accommodate six people, $5.00 per room.

Conference Cabin: Four double beds, $3.00 each.

Do not write us for cabins. The State Board has no cabins. Those are all privately owned.

The rates above are very little above what they have been; and even at this the convention is making a large donation toward your sleeping expense. Those who have made reservations already may pay the rental fee now any time, but not later than June 1. Rooms that are not paid for by June 1 will be declared vacant and will be rented to others. Send your check to the state office.

Week of Compassion

MALLORY AVENUE—Had a goal of $500; reached $1,053. Hubert Sias, pastor.

MEDFORD FIRST — First results were $565; trying to reach $700. Delbert W. Daniels, pastor.

FAIRMOUNT—Took offering at the close of the meeting, amounting to $279.51. Willie W. White, pastor.

GOSHEN — Offering, $85. Evert Gustafsen, pastor.

CORVALLIS—More than $1,200.

SALEM FIRST — Goal of $1,000; reached $950.

VERNONIA—Received, $101.50.

PORTLAND FIRST — Will reach $3,000.

SILVERTON—More than $300.

NORTH PLAINS—$80.77.

Obituary

James A. Bennett, Portland, died February 17 after a short illness. He was one of our esteemed ministers, having been inactive since 1929 on account of arthritis. He had served in Hood River Valley, Junction City, and Silverton as pastor in Oregon. Before coming to Oregon he had preached in Missouri and Illinois. He was a member of the First church. He was beloved by all who knew him.

Mrs. S. E. Cole, Goshen, died on February 12. She was an active worker in the church at Goshen and they will miss her.

F. F. Rahn, member of First Church in Salem, died suddenly on February 11. He has been a long time member of the church, and will be greatly missed. His wife and two daughters survive him.

District Conventions

We are again mentioning the district convention dates and places as far as we have them. At least one change has been made. Use this schedule instead of the one printed last month. Go to the one most convenient, but go to one.

Central District, Bend, March 30.
S. W. District, Medford I, April 15.
N. W. District, Hillsboro, April 29.
E. O. Convention, Heppner, May 6, 7.
Mt. Hood District, Hood River, May 15.
Willamette District, Salem, May 17.
So Central District ?, ?

Church Census

The Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., has recently mailed to every church a schedule for the religious census of America. This census is taken every ten years. It gives valuable information about churches. If you neglect to fill out and return for your church the showing for Disciples of Christ will be weakened just that much. Please do this in order that the census bureau may complete its work properly and so our church may have in the records all that belongs to it.

CORVALLIS — 3 confessions, 16 transfers and 5 student affiliates since January 1. College Fellowship meetings have been held in the Student Fellowship House; 11 college boys live there. Delbert W. Daniels, Medford, held a week's meeting March 2-9. G. Hayden Stewart is the pastor.

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We would much appreciate it if the one getting the bundle for the church would notify us if the number is either sufficient, or more than sufficient. We want each church to have enough, but the cost of these papers is too great to permit waste. These papers actually cost about 1¼¢ each. Please help us to keep the expense down.

"Responses to Invitation"

Some evangelists and pastors practice deception—and they do it by telling the truth. That may be paradoxical, but it is true. They report so many "responses to the invitation." That report is literally true, but the readers think of responses in terms of additions, and particularly as baptisms. Often times "responses" includes reconsecrations. That is a worthy thing to do and should be reported; but why not call things what they are! Recently a great meeting was held in the state. It was great in any man's language. The evangelist reported through one of the national papers "123 responses to the invitation." It gave the impression of 123 additions to the church. It was a deception, and we cannot deny the suspicion that it was intended to deceive. The pastor broke down the report into 29 confessions (of whom 2 were not baptized), 6 by transfer and 90 reconsecrations. It is still a great meeting, but the results should stand on their own merits. Brethren, let's purge our speech of that nefarious phrase, "responses to the invitation," and tell the truth so plainly that "a wayfaring man, though simple," may know exactly what happened. The policy of this paper henceforth will be not to report "responses to the invitation."

WILLAMINA—Reached 178 in Bible School, 100 at morning worship, 85 in evening service. 2 baptisms, 7 by statement in February. "The Lord is blessing our efforts in the Crusade for a Christian Community." Walter L. Myers was guest speaker February 9. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

Financial

February, 1947

CHURCHES: Bend, $25; Coquille, $49.05; Dayton, $65; Harrisburg, $19.08; Ione, $6; Kern Park, $10.42; Klamath Falls, $3.50; Mallory Avenue, $59.65; Milton, $45.70; North Bend, $60; Pendleton, $90.88; Powell Butte, $10; Vernonia, $30. Total, $474.28.

SCHOOLS: Redmond, $3.81.

WOMEN: Pendleton, $15.

INDIVIDUALS: Roy Will, Dayton, $5; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fortna, Klamath Falls, $5; T. G. Richardson, $3. Total, $13.00.

REFUNDS: $18.68.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest, $8.56; Principal, $72.94.

CENTENNIAL: Roy E. Beck, Kern Park, $10; Mallory Avenue Church, $100.

February is always a lean month. But this February has run ahead of last year. The general missionary fund is now well in advance of this same time last year. Shall we not keep it that way until after June 30?

The Centennial receipts are decreasing. That is to be expected. But there is still a considerable sum unpaid and it is hoped that every dollar will have been collected by June 30. If you will do that the centennial account can be closed out on our books and relieve our bookkeeping work by that much. If you have an unpaid pledge write us about it.

NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

The latest guest in Northwestern Christian Home is Mrs. Minnie May Preston, who entered from the Silverton Church February 20, 1947. Her maiden name was Hosmer, and she was born in Durand, Wisconsin, June 6, 1869. Mrs. Preston is the 144th guest to enter Northwestern Christian Home, and the 65th to live in the Home at Beaverton.

Twenty-three children from the Primary Department of the church in Hillsboro, with the pastor and other leaders, visited the Home and gave a program much enjoyed by the family.

Among commodity donations last month was an unusual one, a shipment of 24 cases of canned fish flakes from Waldport Sea Foods, Inc.

Friends in Portland gave the Home a large cabinet phonograph and collection of records. The cabinet is old, but good, and the records varied. The music is an appreciated addition to our entertainment.

After considerable motor trouble which sometimes makes the superintendent shovel coal when the stoker is not working, a new motor for the coal stoker has been purchased. The old one will be rewound and kept for "standby" service.

Brother F. M. Rogers, who was General Secretary of the National Benevolent Association for many years and was well known in the Northwest, died in San Gabriel, California, on February 13. Brother Rogers was largely responsible for the adoption of the area plan of support for our Benevolent Homes and had a prominent part in accomplishing the merger of our Eugene and Walla Wala units into the Home at Beaverton.

The importance and urgency of care for the aged are emphasized in statements made before a committee of the Oregon Legislature that of 21,000 people receiving social security allowance in Oregon 1,500 must be supplemented by state old age allowance, and the 35% of Oregon Welfare expenditures for direct relief are for medical and hospital care of old age pensioners

January is the month of largest contributions for our benevolent work because of the Christmas offerings. Receipts of contributions to Northwestern Christian Home in January totalled $8,461.87 compared with $7,399.78 in January 1946. The good margin in January helps to overcome the December decrease so that receipts for the first 7 months of the fiscal years are $822.90 ahead of the same period a year ago. Receipts for February 1946 were $1,546.26. The income for February 1947 has not reached that amount when this report is written.

The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church, which includes Northwestern Christian Home, is now completing its 60th year of service. It began in 1887 with a five-room rented cottage and second-hand furniture. It now includes 6 Homes for children and 6 for the aged. The combined report of these Homes for the year ending June 30, 1946, shows:

Children served during the year, 794
Aged people served during year, 292
Mothers cared for 62
Total served during the year 1,138
Children uniting with church 60
Deaths of aged guests 30
Aged applicants on waiting list, 93

Total operating costs for the year were $563,732.49. (Brotherhood contributions for benevolence, $589,467.80.—Walter L. Myers.

Dates Set for Ninety and Nine Boys' Camps

By Ed P. Dewees

In a meeting of the Boys' Camp workers held in Eugene on January 28 the following places and dates were selected for the 1947 camps: Turner (first week for ages 10 and 11 years) July 13-19; Turner (second week for ages 12 through 14) July 20-26; Central Oregon Camp (Crescent Lake), August 3-9; Wi-Ne-Ma (P. O. Oretown), August 3-9; Camp Myrtlewood (P. O. Bridge), August 10-16; and Cove, August 10-16.

Any boy to be eligible for attendance must reach his 10th birthday at least during the week of the camp to be attended. Ike Bartel, state chairman of Ninety and Nine Boys' Work, urges all parents and local workers who are interested in getting boys to camp to take notice of this rule NOW so that no boy will be disappointed when the camp season comes.

Fife at Men's Conference

As an outgrowth of a suggestion made at the January rally of the Coast District and approved by the State Evangelistic Committee, a 2-day conference on mens' work under the leadership of Earl Hanson Fife, founder of the Ninety and Nine Movement, is planned for April 11, 12 in the Tillamook church. Brother Fife will be in a revival at Tillamook at the time and he and the church have indicated willingness to arrange the conference. Word comes from Jess Johnson, minister, that tentative plans have been made for a dinner at the church on April 11 and lodging for delegates that night. An invitation is extended to as many men and pastors who will attend.

Further announcement concerning the program will be made at an early date. Please send word to the Tillamook Church, 401 East 4th Street, if a delegation from your church can attend.

Valentine Rally at Sisters

Since the date of the Central District rally was February 14, Sisters was very appropriately the host church. Then the "sisters" of the Sisters Church furthered the idea by using the valentine motif in table decorations as well as proving the old adage about the way to a man's heart by an excellent dinner they served.

Following a song led by Walter Naff, Bob Breckenridge presided over the business meeting. A vote was taken to have Len Fishback serve as director of the Crescent Lake Boys' Camp and Al Dumler (both from the Bend Church) as business manager. Sisters took the attendance honors with 15 men present, the total being 45. An offering of $55.12 was turned over by H. E. Roberts, treasurer, for the state budget.

Members of the Sisters men's class conducted the devotional service. A. C. Edwards led the song service with Roger Carstensen at the piano. Jesse Smalley led in prayer and George Cleveland read the scripture. A duet was sung by Carstensen and Edwards followed by the message of the evening by Ward Rice, N. C. C. professor.

Dufur Men Hosts

Mid-Columbia men met at Dufur on February 6 for a dinner and business meeting preceding the evangelistic service under the leadership of the Chamberlains. Archie Swett presided and Mr. Pratt sang a solo. A report on the state work was given by Cecil Warner. Wayne Douglass gave a talk on the district budget and "Pink" Owens a word on the Millennium Minute Men. Total attendance was 35. The next rally is scheduled for May 15 at the Hood River Church.

McKenzie Men Meet

The regular McKenzie District rally was held in the Eugene First Church on February 17. The meeting opened with the singing of the Doxology and thanksgiving for the dinner pronounced by Bill Siefke. Vernon Smith of N. C. C. led the singing, accompanied by L. G. Hulen.

President Griffeth then called for the business reports. Hugh McCallum gave an account of the West Eugene building project, stating that a lot 65 by 230 feet had been selected and paid for by the West Eugene brethren themselves (they also hope to put in the foundation). He indicated the cost of the Gerald Johnson Memorial Chapel at Camp Adair would be $910, and that the cost of dismantling and rebuilding had been estimated at $2,000 plus hauling costs. The third $100 check was presented to McCallum on behalf of the Millennium Minute Men by your reporter.

(Note: The fourth check was mailed by State Treasurer Noble just prior to writing this copy. To date, March 1, 360 envelopes have been received with $450 enclosed and 150 new Millennium Minute Men have signed. Have you made your offering yet?)

Wilie White, minister of the Fairmount Church, was asked for a word and gave a short message on "Faith by Works" on behalf of overseas relief. Truman Robbins sang a solo, "At the Cross." Arlo Bristow reported on the outcome of the Peoria revival and visitors from Burns brought greetings from that church. Ezra Blehm, C. E. Allen, and Bill Siefke were appointed members of the program committee for the April rally at Franklin. C. A. Lyman, district treasurer, forwarded $50 for state work.

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Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

Friends and acquaintances of Melba Palmer, if they have not already heard, will be interested in this brief note from her mother, dated Feb. 11: "A letter from Melba dated the 20th and 21st of Jan. informs us she was just recovering from Typhus. She was taken sick about the first of January; but she was able to sit up and write a little by the 20th; so we hope she is going to recover." We are sorry this information had to wait until this time. We know that Melba will be in the prayers of many of the saints.

Jamaica

A news letter from the Jamaica Christian Mission says that Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Hurley and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Applebury, after about three months with the mission, returned to the states the latter part of last September. We do not know what their plans are. Richard Elliottt, one of the mission staff, has been recovering from a serious illness; and members of the staff express "heartfelt appreciation for your earnest prayers" in his behalf. This mission can use Primary rolls, picture papers, Bibles and Testaments. The Jamaica address is: Ewarton P. O., Jamaica, B. W. I. There is also a call for workers in this ripe field.

A Work in Europe

"Asking you for your prayers that He shall prepare fields and show us workers, and go before to lead where He would have us go and send. Pray for us as we try to promote this work that Europe may again trust in God and in Jesus' saving grace; that her Hitler Youth may be Youth for Christ and His church; that Hitler's Children may be brought up knowing the will of God for them, and that they shall be brought to have a zeal for God and to win souls for Him; that Jesus may soften their hearts and save their souls. We should be there now, while it is day; when Europe is crying out for rest and for a better way.

"Not one to go, and take the Word of God in its purity! I feel that we as a nation have been saved to save; and woe unto us if we PREACH NOT —the Gospel."

The above quotation is from a letter from Mrs. Walter S. Coble, 208 South Guilford Street, Garrett, Indiana. She is writing about the efforts of the Merwyn H. Greene Memorial Fund to establish a work for Christ in Europe. This fund was established as a memorial to Merwyn H. Greene, a devout young Christian who lost his life in the war. Two young couples, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Houpt, 922 Hawthorne Avenue, Cincinnati 5, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reynolds, 574 Purcell Avenue, Cincinnati 5, Ohio, are in school preparing themselves for this work. However, Mrs. Coble writes: "We hope to find some other couple who is ready now to go, so that the Fund shall begin an active service as soon as possible. These young people are willing for a Christian couple with like precious faith to go to either France or Germnay, and each work together for the common good of all, in establishing missions there—'looking to Jesus the author and finisher of faith.'" If any young couple reading this is prepared and willing to work for the Lord in Europe, it might be well to contact Mrs. Coble.

Japan

Harold W. Cole, who will be leader on the field of the Osaka Christian Mission, in Japan, expects to sail from San Francisco, March 28th. He plans to visit his living link church, Willamina, shortly before that.

Grace Farnham plans to return to Japan as soon as she can find a place to live, there, and has the necessary funds. The Court Street church, in Salem, is guaranteeing her salary, with the asistance of some other churches ($100.00 per month). She writes: "Recent word from Mr. Kobayashi, the former pastor of the Mabashi Church, in Tokyo, says that he and his family are safe. Doors are open in Japan as never before. Thousands are eager to hear the gospel." Grace's plan is to return to Tokyo; but she says that Ruth Schoonover, who formerly worked with her in the Mabashi Mission, plans to go to a southern island in Japan, when the way is open for her return.

Owen Still, has presumably already sailed from Hawaii, to resume work in Japan. Mrs. Still and Mrs. Cunningham are not yet permitted to return to Japan; but they expect to go in the spring. When Mrs. Still leaves in the spring, two daughters, Eleanor and Ruth, will stay on and carry on in Hawaii. Writing on January 28, Brother Still said: "Since new missionaries are not permitted on the field in Japan for some time, Andrew Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sims are preparing to come here to help in the work in Hawaii and to study the Japanese language. We expect Brother Patton to arrive next week. Miss Rachel Carlton plans to come later. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Engelking plan to begin work on the Island of Hilo in June." Thus the cause continues to grow, with more and more workers going to the fields as the way is opened.

Wilma A. Fendall (Secretary and Correspondent) writes that Chaplain (Capt.) and Mrs. Harlan L. Woodruff, former ministers at Willamina, Oregon, have recently been transferred from Army duty in Manila to Tokyo, Japan. After Harlan's discharge from the chaplaincy, and after some little time in the States, the Woodrfuffs plan to establish the Okinawa "Christian Mission," on the Island of Okinawa. Their stay in Japan will be a real preparation for this work. They enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hendricks, who recently returned to Toyko. "They (the Woodruffs) are making plans now to begin to build a fund for this project, and included in their plans will be the education at Northwest Christian College of two young Okinawan girls, who will return to their native land after they receive their Christian education, and help with the mission work there among their people."

Charles Railsback reports 9 baptisms and 6 added by transfer at Ketchikan and Wacker City, Alaska. Mrs. Earl Chandler is leaving right away for Ketchikan, where she will be joined by Earl in about a month.

SALEM FIRST—Every department of the School shows an increase over one year ago. Church is realizing a bequest of $3,000. Dudley Strain, pastor.

VALE—A record attendance on January 26 of 160. We need more room. The town is growing and there are great possibilities. 5 baptisms and 10 by transfer since coming here. Lloyd James, pastor.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY — Sunday School running over 100. The Hood River P. T. A. invited the pastor, H. L. Porter, to speak on "The Bible in the Public Schools" at their 50th birthday party.

Northwest Christian College News

By Kenneth Johnston

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

How important in our national and church life are the Christian congregations of the open country and rural towns and villages?

This column is being written during the week I am privileged to hold a series of services in the First Christian Church of San Francisco where Clifford Jope is pastor. Daily experiences give illustrative answers to my opening question.

At the close of the first service one lady said to me, "You probably do not recognize me because we have not seen each other in nearly thirty years. You knew me as Lilly White, of Quinton, Oklahoma." Yes, I remember. I was baptized at Quinton, a rural village in eastern Oklahoma. Mr. White was a faithful elder in the church. Lilly was a gracious and active member of the congregation. Now she continues her service in a great city.

Chaplain Kirtley, now Lieutenant Colonel and in charge of Fifth Army Chaplains, was also present. His boyhood home was Marlowe, Oklahoma, a rural town. Ed distinguished himself repeatedly during the war in the Pacific. He is an elder in First Christian Church, San Francisco.

Space forbids the mention of other former rural Christians who now help constitute this city church. Here, as elsewhere, the migration of people is from country to city. How vital the rural church is! If urban America is ever to be evangelized it will be through rural churches. Thank God we have many vigorous ones in rural Oregon—Ross J. Griffeth.

Calendar Year Report

Churches and individuals contributed a total of $65,558.96 to Northwest Christian College for the calendar year 1946. This is a net gain of $254.59 over the year 1945. However, the net gain is really $6,754.59 due to the fact that a $6,500 gift from Washington came too late to be counted for 1946. (This special gift was solicited in 1946 and came out of 1946 earnings). Oregon churches and individuals contributed $19,074.40. This represents a loss of $2,206.70 as compared to 1945. A total of 97 Oregon churches are represented in the 1946 report. Altogether 222 churches shared in the financial support of N. C. C. in 1946 as compared to 200 for 1945. A net gain of 22 congregations. N. C. C. is thankful to God and to these churches and individuals who have shared in the financial life of the college in 1946.

Forty-Four Churches

A survey of the 5-year period 1941-1946 reveals that there are only 44 churches of our brotherhood in the four states of the Northwest that have not made at least one gift in the period to N. C. C. Of this number 28 are served by part time workers.

Ten Top-Notchers

The ten churches making the largest contribution for 1946 are:

Walla Walla, Washington	$4,492.19
Sunnyside, Washington	4,000.00
Buhl, Idaho	3,835.00
Yakima, Washington	3,602.81
Harrisburg, Oregon	1,881.75
Eugene First, Oregon	1,593.06
Fort Benton, Montana	1,372.42
St. Helens, Oregon	1,308.00
Newberg, Oregon	882.56

These ten churches contributed 37.7% of the total giving from all sources for 1946. It will be noted that 4 of these are from Oregon.

Preachers' Parliament

The College was co-host with the Eugene First Church for the Preachers' Parliament and N. C. C. New Testament Lectureship January 28-30. There was a great time of fellowship as preachers and church workers from all points of the state met with the students and faculty of the College. Dr. W. E. Shullenberger, pastor of the Central Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, and a member of the faculty of Butler University, was the principal speaker. Dr. Shullenberger's messages were both inspirational and practical in their approach to the relationship of the New Testament message to the church and to the world of today. Other speakers appearing on the program will challenging messages were: A. C. Bates, C. F. Swander, Dudley Strain, M. C. Cole, O. D. Harris, Hubert E. Sias. N. C. C. students were in charge of the devotions.

Class gives two Rooms

The Keystone Class of the Yakima Christian Church Bible School has recently given $2,000 for two rooms in the new N. C. C. dormitory.

Educational Items

The time has come to plan for the summer vacation schools. In small communities these are most advantageously done in cooperation with other churches; in larger places they can be well done alone. Materials are syndicated and churches can work together in this project. Get your plans ready now.

Week-Day Teaching

Perhaps the greatest piece of effective work being done in the religious educational field today is in the week-day teaching of the Bible. Fifty per cent of all boys and girls are unreached with the teaching of religion. The majority of boys and girls reached by this week-day teaching are not getting any other religious instruction. Besides, it is placing the teaching of religion on a par with history, geography, mathematics, etc., thus giving the pupils increased respect for it. The Sunday School is not meeting the need; this type of teaching is supplementing the Sunday School in a very commendable way. Every church should see that it is being done in their public school. It is possible in rural areas as well as in the towns and cities.

Libraries

While visiting the church at Marcola the pastor proposed to his Workers Conference and to his Church Board that they should establish a library for the use of teachers, pupils and others. They voted it. They have requested the State Director to suggest books to them. We shall do this with great pleasure. Any church can do this; every church ought to do it.

Leadership Training

The State Educational Committee is planning a state-wide leadership training School next fall. A sub-committee has the task of setting it up. It will be open to any educational worker in the state. More will be said of it later on, but it is a good thing to put this in your plans now. The new leadership training bulletin has come to the desk. If you are interested in having a copy send to us and we will gladly send it to you. We are expecting the new leadership training manual any time now. We had the pleasure of reading this in the original manuscript and it is worth having. Anything that Ida Mae Irvin gets out is worth using.

SEASIDE—Baptized 3 recently. 76 in Bible School. Wm. F. Morse, pastor.

Ninety and Nine

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Monmouth Entertains

The "flood delayed" rally of the Willamette District was held at Monmouth on February 24 with 107 men in attendance. Following the fine dinner provided by the Monmouth ladies the program was opened with a song service under leadership of Holly Roy Jarvis. Special music was provided by a Monmouth Community Chorus and the address of the evening was delivered by Victor P. Morris, of Eugene. In the business meeting the work at Gates was discussed. Reports on Boys' Camps and the state evangelistic program were made by Ike Bartel and Martin Kullowatz, respectively. The April rally was invited to the Salem First Christian Church. Treasurer Holt reported over $200 received toward the district budget.

Arlo Bristow Assisted

In the State Executive Committee meeting held in Salem Febuary 9, it was voted to extend backing to Arlo Bristow for his Oregon meetings up until the time of the Turner convention. He is well known to many Oregon churches and has been doing a very commendable work in evangelizing. He closed a meeting at Peoria on February 16 with one response by confession. As this is being written he is conducting a meeting at Noti and from there will go to Coburg for a short rally.

Father and Son Meetings

The Kern Park annual Father and Son banquet and program was held on February 10 and 105 dads and lads were present, making short work of turkey and trimmings. Paul Ritzer served as program chairman. Ernest Wright spoke on behalf of the dads and Ernest Noland for the boys. Special music was furnished by a trio and a mixed quartet. Dr. Jack Kilpack, of the Optimists International, spoke and scenic and comic movie strips were shown to conclude the meeting.

St. Johns men sponsored a father-and-son meeting on February 12 in which scouts, cubs, and their fathers were honored guests. Turkey again seemed to be popular. Nick Edwards was program chairman and the entertainment was provided by the men and boys of the church. James Earl Ladd addressed the 192 men and boys who assembled.

At Pendleton on Febuary 24 the men there were hosts to a father-and-son meeting. The dinner? Why, Turkey, of Course! The 44 men and boys attending enjoyed movies by Joe Jewett, of Heppner. The men plan to take a special part in the Sunday evening services on March 23.

LEBANON—5 confessions, 2 transfers in February. B. S. attendance nearing 300. Planning new church on new location. Holly Jarvis, pastor.

ODELL—H. Ted Boyer has closed his work and moved to Portland.

SISTERS — Since coming in July there have been 4 baptisms and 7 otherwise. A men's class every Friday evening averages 7 and 8. In last four weeks Sunday School has averaged 105. My pride is the boys' class. When I came it was 3 and 4; on March 2 there were 34. No young peoples' class when I came; present class, 2 months old, numbered 10, March 2. Men's class is sponsoring archery as a hobby. No C. E. group yet, but will have one. Organized first church board in two years.—Roger Carstensen, pastor.

Hendricks in Tokyo

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Mail, sending the letter NOT to us, but to Dr. P. S. Mayer, GHQ-SCAP-CI & E, APO 500, c/o P. M., San Francisco, California. In the RETURN address, c/o John Jones, 123 Fourth Street, Mud Flats, Missouri, (or something like that) so Dr. Mayer will know it is for us without bothering to open it. As for packages, there is a 70 lb. limit at the above address.

"Through regular mailing channels, address us at Sei-gakuin, Tatinogawaku, Tokyo, Japan. There is an 11 pound limit sent to this address. A new ruling allows sealed letters to come to us now."

Mrs. Menzies' Letter

Here is the second installment of a lengthy letter from Hattie Menzies written from Delhi, India: "I went on from here (the large hospital in Bilaspur) to the Girls' High School where a great group of girls were being taught in all grades from Primary up through the High School. A corps of able teachers guided by consecrated Miriam Terry, were turning out teachers, nurses, Bible workers, and those going to College and Normal. It was inspirational to see them wending their way to the fine church that was built in the '90s by M. D. Adams. I thanked God for the redeemed souls that had passed through its doors and most of them are bright and shining lights in many places in the far east. Next I visited the outlying Christian Communities and was delighted to see many old friends, their children and their children's children. Then I visited the Primary, Junior High and High School for boys which has now been opened as there was not enough room in the government schools for our boys, and then, too, they did not get the Bible training which is so essential in their formative years.

"I went out 18 miles to Takhatpur, a center for intensive evangelistic work. It has many villages round about and in most of them are families of Christians, where a pastor has the oversight of the group and conducts Sunday services, morning and evening worship services, teaching them Bible verses and hymns. For two hours daily the children are taught to read and write. These people are for the most part illiterate and must be taught to read the Bible for themselves." (Continued next month).

April 1-6 is Easter Day of Prayer. Plan to make it a milestone on your way to a complete Resurgence of Christian Life, both in the individual, the home, the church, and the community!

WORSHIP

By Thelma Stanley

As churches and Christians of Oregon we have begun the Crusade for a Christian World. No movement could be more vital than that which works for a Christian world. Everyone must have a part in the Crusade if the destiny of the world is to be Christian. The Crusade must begin first in the individual person. There must be a resurgence of Christian life and this can only be done as each one develops a greater prayer life. Jesus found time to pray. Do you? Jesus had reasons for praying. Do you? Jesus prayed. Do you. "Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray." Jesus could always pray any time and anywhere. Do you? The Crusade will not be successful in you unless you have earnestly sought the Master's guidance for your life.

H. B. McCormick, in his message to the brotherhood, makes the following statement: "Just as the radio does not create sweet music, but makes it available for us if we desire it, so prayer does not create God's willingness to lift heavy burdens from our hearts, but it does make God's willingness available to us. Shall we use prayer, then, for the enlisting of the unlimited power of God in the helping of our Crusade. Men sit in the shade of a great tree, but that becomes a possibility only because the roots go down so deep. If we grow a great tree through this Crusade, which will bring healing to the nations, is it not equally true that we must carry that Crusade through prayer down deep into the life of our Heavenly Father? If we turn on the faucet and get only a trickle of water it may well be because there is a leak somewhere in the main water line. Will it not be true that if we bring abundant living waters to the hearts of men through our world Crusade we must through prayer keep in daily repair the line that runs from the heart of man to the heart of God."

The establishment of a prayer life is the first requisite of being a Christian. And yet, so many try to be Christian without praying consistently. Jesus said, "You ought always to pray." Then let the Crusade for a Christian world begin in you and your light will shine in the dark places. "I do not know by what method rare, but this I know, God answers prayer."

Missionaries to pray for in March are: Edna Pool, Congo; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chandler, Alaska.

February S-wanderings

DAYTON, February 2. Bob Mulkey is preaching there and the work is growing under his leadership. It was a delightful day with old and new friends.

SILVERTON, February 9. This was the day for the elders to meet at the table. The dinner was good and the business meeting was good. We brought the morning message and showed state work pictures in the evening. Brother Bates is making a good place in their hearts for the pastor.

FAIRMOUNT, February 15. Just dropped in to visit the meeting by Willie White. The house was full, interest was high, and Willie preached a strong sermon. He has since accepted a call to remain as pastor.

JUNCTION CITY, February 16. David Stewart ministers here and he is building the work. We gave the morning message and showed pictures at night. Incidentally we had a fine farm dinner at the Purkersons.

MARCOLA, February 23. Clyde Freeman is building the work in a fine way. We brought the morning message and showed the pictures at night. There was a dinner and business meeting. It was a delightful day.

ET CETERA: Educational Committee Febuary 1; Crusade Committee, February 8; Joint Board of Christian Churches of the Portland area, February 21; Grounds Committee at Turner February 24; Young Peoples Conference Party in Eugene February 28.

NEWBERG—3 baptisms, 3 by statement on February 16; One by statement March 3. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

DUFUR— 4 baptisms, 1 confession not baptized, 3 by statement, 11 reconsecrations in the Chamberlain meeting. Glenn Warner, pastor.

Glad Tidings

OAKRIDGE—19 added since January 1—2 baptisms, 8 by transfer, most of whom were from denominational groups. Lawrence M. Bixler, pastor.

PORTLAND CENTRAL—Order is being brought out of the chaos left by the fire in January. The building is again usable. James Earl Ladd, pastor, has been invited to deliver 5 addresses at the Lake James Assembly this summer; also to give a message at the evangelistic conference preceding the National Convention at Buffalo, New York. The church has sponsored a new work on the heights west of Portland. It will be cared for by gospel teams from the Christian Companions Class.

COQUILLE — Liston Parrish will close his ministry March 23. A call has been extended to Earl Soward, of Santa Ana, California. He is not a stranger to Oregon. Gene Chamberlain, state evangelist, will commence a meeting March 30. (We are sorry to see Liston leave the state. Congratulations, Idaho!)

MILWAUKIE—Adrian Fraley closed his ministry March 1. He will rest up for a few weeks with his folks in Medford before relocating.

MALLORY AVENUE—The building fund has reached $28,000; it will be pressed on to $50,000 as rapidly as possible. Bids will be called for construction January 1, 1948. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

GOSHEN—2 added by statement in January. The church has voted to give all its Sunday School offerings to missions, and the closing period each Sunday will be given to a study of the field to which the money goes. Evert Gustafsen is the pastor.

HOOD RIVER—Orville F. Mick recently held a meeting for the church. There were two added by confession and two by statement. E. F. Leake is pastor.

ALBANY—Ross Griffeth, assisted by Truman and Virginia Robbins, will hold a two weeks pre-Easter meeting. Orville F. Mick, pastor.

BURNS—9 baptisms and 1 by statement in January. Milton Bower, pastor.

CORBETT—33 baptisms and 9 by statement in the 22 months of the present ministry. The church is participating in the Twelve Weeks with Christ program. Will have a two weeks Easter meeting. Walter Barnes, pastor.

SHERIDAN—14 were added in the Evans meeting. Dale Sherwood is pastor. Evans is now at Powell Butte.

ST. JOHNS—44 baptisms and 44 by transfer for 1946. Dr. E. R. Moon will hold a two weeks meeting March 9-23. Bill Koenig will lead the singing. Bible School attendance growing and 72 in prayer meeting. Howard C. Cole, pastor.

POWELL BUTTE — Ross Evans began meeting February 23 with a packed house. Two added at first service. Walter and Rosemary Naff are leading the music. A great meeting is expected. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

CORBETT—Participating in "Twelve Weeks with Christ" campaign. Prayer meeting more than doubled. Walter Myers showed pictures of Northwestern Christian Home. Plan to have a pre-Easter meeting. W. A. Barnes, pastor.

VERNONIA—Youth Week observed with banquet; 33 present. Have leadership training class of 25; Mrs. Baker, teacher. Prayer meeting averages 29. Junior Church averages 40 in attendance. Held father and son banquet with 86 present. Ernest P. Baker, pastor.